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SUBJECT: ISTANBUL AIRPORT TERRORIST ATTACK:

COOPERATION OF TURKISH OFFICIALS

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1. WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED AND VERY PLEASED WITH EXTREMELY HELPFUL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY ALL LEVELS OF TURKISH OFFICIALS WHO HAVE WORKED WITH US TO RESOLVE THE MYRIAD PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM TRAGIC EVENTS OF AUGUST 11 TERRORIST ATTACK. THIS ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN OF INESTIMABLE VALUE IN DISCHARGING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO AMCITS INVOLVED. GOVERNOR SENTURK, WHOM CONSUL GENERAL CONTACTED SEVERAL TIMES, HAS BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE. SENIOR POLICE OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S STAFF HAVE ON NUMEROUSL OCCASIONS CUT RED TAPE ON OUR BEHALF. BY GIVING CONGEN OFFICERS ACCESS TO THEIR LATEST FINDINGS IN THIS ONGOING SENSITIVE INVESTIGATION, OUR WORK HAS BEEN GREATLY FACILITATED.

2. PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY WAS EXTRAORDINARY ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF AMCIT HAROLD ROSENTHAL IN PROVIDING PROMPT ACCESS TO BODY FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES, EXPEDITING AUTOPSY AND SUBSEQUENT REPORT AND ALL OTHER ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHIPMENT TO UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, TURKISH OFFICIALS

AT THE AIRPORT HAVE CONSISTENTLY ACCORDED AMCITS, WHO WERE PRESENT DURING ATTACK, EVERY COURTESTY AND ASSISTANCE TO RECOVER THEIR POSSESSIONS AND TO EXPEDITE THEIR ONWARD TRAVEL. BATJER

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